

JULY 20, 2025

9:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader
Todd Miller

Baby Blessing: Daigles
Jeff Montgomery

Heavenly Sunlight

Hymn of Heaven

Goodness of God

**A Shepherd's Call Story &
Prayer**

Darren Mathews

Why Did My Savior Come to
Earth?

When I Survey the
Wondrous Cross

Communion & Contribution
Stan Valentine

A Common Love

How Sweet, How Heavenly
Children's Worship Dismissed

Where He Leads, I'll Follow

"Shepherd Your Pew"

Jordan Guy

We Praise Thee, O God

Announcements
Kenneth Mills

Shepherd's Prayer
Richard Duke

THE CONNECTION.

INTENTIONALLY CONNECTED TO GOD,
HIS WORD, HIS WORLD AND EACH OTHER.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

In 2021, we helped Steven Yeakley (former minister here) begin the Discipleship Ministry at College Church.

A year later, our ministry restarted the Thursday Night Study, a 2008 brainchild of **Eddie Cloer**, intended to be a major part of Caring and Sharing. After early success in attracting C&S attendees and bringing several to the Lord, the original Thursday study, which included a meal, gradually withered and quietly ended in 2013.

Our restart kept the same day and format: a meal followed by study. At first, we had more teachers show up than students, but during the next two years attendance rose to an average of 20-25. At times we achieved a one-on-one student-teacher ratio, with teachers choosing their own topics. In the spring of 2024, we had four baptisms.

By the fall of 2024, however, we saw a problem. Mindful of Eddie Cloer's insistence that whether it's a Monday or Thursday, the evening needs to provide more than a physical meal, we had to admit that many of our attendees were coming just for the food. So we changed from weekly to monthly meals. Sadly, attendance dropped to around 10 a week, including teachers.

Another disconcerting sign this year is that each week we host the same few people, all Christians. Obviously baptized believers can benefit from this gathering, but our few non-Christian visitors (all from C&S) have not been returning for study lately.

Right now we're on summer break, but are planning and praying to find ways to draw more people this fall. We regularly extend invitations to the study through C&S and His House. In fact, we hope to play a video excerpt from our next study at C&S, and then ask questions on the content to demonstrate how Thursday Night works to explore God's Word.

We also hope to renew efforts to make friends in the community that we can personally invite to join us. And that's where you, our fellow College Church members, can help—by seeking out a non-Christian or struggling Christian you know who might be open to a study. You can bring that person and join us as a teacher. Or give us the name, and we'll take it from there—with God's help.

If history is cyclical, then our Thursday Study could be facing another shut down. But the good news is that God is an eternally dependable recycler of Good News.

Jim Adams and Alan Hardison



Jim & Carol Adams



Alan & Debra Hardison

COLLEGE MINISTRY

HOME BIBLE STUDIES

The College Ministry has nearly 15 Wednesday night Home Bible Studies hosted by College Church members, which 300-400 students regularly attend. However, many students are still looking to connect somewhere on Wednesday nights. If you are interested in learning more or hosting or co-hosting a Wednesday night Bible study, please email **Grant** (grant.fitzhugh@collegechurchofchrist.org).

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The annual School Supply Drive will be held on Wednesday, August 6. We are collecting money to provide a backpack, school supplies, scholastic book and a meal to more than 500 local school children. The cost is approximately \$30 per student. If you want to give online, please choose "Children's Outreach" under the fund tab and then complete your donation. If you have questions, you may contact the church office or **Doug Langston** at 501-230-3164.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE WORKERS

If you would like to help on the night of the event, please sign up Sunday morning in your adult Bible classroom. We need adults and teens to guide families through the backpack lines, Spanish speakers to interpret, and volunteers to serve dinner.

PRAYERS & PRAISE

Cleve Brooks The Springs; **George Brown**; **Gordon Hogan**, UH 2330; **Tom Holaday**, UH 2328; **Edwin Myers**; **Edna Nichols**, St. Vincents, **Winfred Wright**.

We rejoice! Caitlin Mooney, granddaughter of **Dan & Barbara Newsom**, was baptized July 13 by her grandfather, Dan, at Camp Tahkodah.

Finn Thomason, son of **Daniel & Elizabeth Thomason** and grandson of **Sheri Shearin**, was baptized July 14 at Camp Wyldewood. Address: 643 Graham Road, Judsonia, 72081.

Will & Falan Francis are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Madyn Mae, on July 17. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and measured 20½ inches long. Big brother Lane is excited to welcome her home. Proud grandparents are **Brad & Leslie Francis**, and proud uncles are **Alex** and **Matthew Francis**.

SUMMER WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Summer Wednesday Nights finish up with one guest speaker and a closing celebration!

- July 23 - Steve Cloer - Family Room
- July 30 - Closing Celebration - Heritage Park (HU)

Steve Cloer, Assistant Professor of Ministry at Harding, teaches courses in congregational ministry, mission, and leadership, and directs the Doctor of Ministry program. His work focuses on missional theology, church leadership, urban ministry, and racial reconciliation. He has served in youth, campus, and preaching ministries, including 15 years as preacher at Southside Church of Christ in Fort Worth, TX. During that time, he and his family lived in a nearby urban neighborhood. Steve and his wife, Lindsay, have three children.

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood: **Ellen Brown** 104

House of Three: **Faye Moore**

Providence: **Carolyn Kenney** 308; **Harold Norwood** 316

Providence Memory Care: **Beverly Blickenstaff**; **David Lawyer**; Maydean Jones, mother of **Rhonda Landis**

The Blossoms: **Rick Boutell** 518

The Crossing: **Maxine Morton** 204A; **Eloise Muncy** 115B

The Springs: **Alice Bell**

Ongoing Prayer Requests: **Brian Altmiller**; **Fannie Amy**; **Brian Harrington**; **Gary Smith**; Amy Qualls, daughter of **Cheryl Riggs**; **Shannon Spears**; David Mathews, return of cancer, grandson of **Darren & Kim Mathews**; Jason Roberson, son of **Gary & Shauna Vodehnal**

ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 30, 6:30-8:00 p.m. as we close out our Summer Wednesday Nights series with an All-Church Cookout! We plan to gather at Heritage Park and enjoy some fellowship, food, Kona Ice, and fun with our church family. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair. [Click here to sign up for the meal.](#)

CCYG

We're also planning to attend the Christ Quest Youth Rally in Mountain Home on August 1-2. **Todd** will be teaching a class this year, and we'd love to take a group. The cost is \$25. [Sign up if you'd like to go!](#)

Finally, don't miss our CCYG Back-to-School Retreat, August 22-24 at Camp Wyldewood. More details will be shared by email, but for now—mark your calendar and [sign up to save your spot!](#)

ADOPT-A-COLLEGE STUDENT PROGRAM

Please consider signing up to "adopt" a college student. This is an intergenerational ministry in which members connect with students to provide a home away from home. This program is a blessing to both students and members. As school approaches next month, we are needing more families to adopt new students. If you don't have a current "adopted" student and would like to take part, [please fill out this form](#) or pick one up in the church office. Grant will reach out to you when there is a match. Thanks!

SENIORS MINISTRY EVENT

The Seniors Ministry is hosting the Harding Physical Therapy Program on Tuesday, July 22, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. in Room 100 at College Church. If you're 65 or older and concerned about memory, brain health, or balance, come in for a free 30-minute screening of cognitive function and balance. Space is limited—call 501-279-5990 to reserve your spot.

THANK YOU

From **Edwin & Mary Myers**

Mary and I want to express our thanks for the prayers and the care that you have given us during my recent hospital stay and our time at home. For those who made phone calls to encourage us and those who brought food and especially the new freezer meals ministry. It really did help us a lot. We love you and look forward to being back at worship as soon as possible.

ANNIVERSARY

You're invited to a come-and-go reception honoring **Bill & Debbie Pratt** on their 50th wedding anniversary, Saturday, July 26, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., in the Family Room at College Church. No gifts, please.

WEDDING SHOWER

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring **Josie Thomas**, bride-elect of Chase Preston, on Sunday, July 27, 1-2:30 p.m., at the home of **Jenny Citty**, 5 Burr Oak Ct. Josie is the daughter of **Reid & Kem Thomas**. They registered at theknot.com, Twig and Plume, and Doorframes.

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Jordan Cabana, bride-elect of **Isaac Miller**, on Sunday, August 3, 1-2:30 p.m., at the home of **Jenny Citty**, 5 Burr Oak Ct. Isaac is the son of **Todd & Marcie Miller**. They are registered at theknot.com and Doorframes.

BABY SHOWER

Everyone is invited to a baby shower celebrating Brittan Jones, THIS Sunday, July 20, 1:30-3:00 p.m., at the home of Ryan & Amy Koch, 171 Virginia Way. Brittan is the daughter of **Ronnie & Angie Harlow**. She is registered at babylist.com and Sassy Stitch. It's a girl!

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader

Leon Lewis

Welcome

Kenneth Mills

On Bended Knee

O How I Love Jesus

Holy, Holy Holy!

Prayer

Dale Manor

You Are My All in All

Mansion Over the Hilltop

Our God, He Is Alive

Ephesians 3:14-21

Ron Price

"The Unsearchable Riches of Christ"

Bill Pratt

All Things Are Ready

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Lord's Supper in Room 100

Closing Prayer

Bob Roper



HIS HOUSE

Donation Requests:

Diapers, all sizes
Children's clothing



COLLEGE
CHURCH of CHRIST

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning

8:15 AM | Chinese Church in Heritage Room 210

9:00 AM Worship

10:30 AM Bible Class

Sunday Evening

5:00 PM Worship

Tuesday

9:30 AM Ladies Class | Dismissed for the summer

Midweek

4:00 PM Early-Bird Bible Class in Room 100

5:00 PM Women's Intergeneration Study | 8 Franklin Circle

6:30 PM Women's Bible Class Room 234

6:30 PM SH and JH Meeting

7:15 PM Chinese Church in Heritage Room 210

Thursday

5:00 PM Discipleship Bible Study in Room 100

FINANCES FOR 7/6/25-7/13/25

Budget for 7/6/2025 - \$55,746.00

Budget for 7/13/2025- \$48,947.50

Giving for 7/6/2025 - \$69,713.28

Giving for 7/13/2025 - \$49,948.29

Budget - Week 42 - \$2,277,421.12

Budget - Week 43 - \$2,326,368.62

Giving - Week 42 - \$2,373,541.51

Giving - Week 43 - \$2,423,489.80

ATTENDANCE 7/13/25

9:00 Worship - 713

Bible Class - 606

Children's Worship - 40

Live-Stream Worship - 83

5:00 Worship - 212

Sunday Small Groups - 36

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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If you have a request for the bulletin, please submit all information by noon, Thursday prior to service.